

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Eliot LEAR

Group Art Unit No.: 2136

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Examiner: JOHNSON, Carlton

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For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING  
CONFIGURATION CHANGES FOR  
NETWORK DEVICES USING DIGITAL  
SIGNATURES

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 2, 2008, please reconsider the present application in light of the remarks herein.

- **Remarks** begin at page 2.